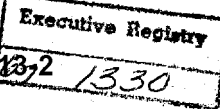


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23 March 1967

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Plans  
Acting Deputy Director for Science  
and Technology  
Deputy Director for Support  
General Counsel

**SUBJECT :** Classification of Agency Reports

1. Experience has shown that finished intelligence produced by the Central Intelligence Agency, which has been made available on an unclassified basis, is utilized abroad to the detriment of the national interest. This is not so much because of the content as the fact that it is the official product of the Central Intelligence Agency. Consequently, no sanitized versions will be produced of finished intelligence which is an official Central Intelligence Agency product, and all such reports will bear a classification appropriate to the content and source.

2. This means there can be no dissemination of such material to college and university libraries. Also, if we receive congressional requests for such material, it will be made available through our own congressional subcommittees.

3. I request that the Deputy Director for Support examine pertinent Agency regulations to make certain that they are in accord with this policy determination.

[s/] E. K. White

E. K. White  
Executive Director—Comptroller

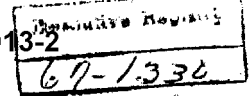
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18 March 1967

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support  
Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence  
General Counsel**

**SUBJECT : Classification of Agency Reports**

1. As you know, as a result of some Congressional criticism concerning an unclassified Agency report, it has been decided that in the future we will make available such information to Congress through our own subcommittees.

2. I have been unable to devise any formula which will permit us to continue distributing such reports to college and university libraries, or anywhere else for that matter, if at the same time we deny them to the Congress. I see no solution to this problem but to place some classification on these reports, which will of course dictate the manner in which they must be handled. Unless or until a better solution can be found, I see no alternative but to classify such publications and limit their distribution accordingly.

3. Any new ideas will be appreciated. In their absence I request that the Deputy Director for Support examine the Agency regulations on this subject and determine how they should be amended to take care of this problem.

/s/ L. K. White

**L. K. White  
Executive Director-Comptroller**

✓cc: Inspector General

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21 March 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT : Classification of Agency Reports

1. In referent to the Executive Director-Comptroller's memorandum dated 18 March 1967, I am sure that the following idea has been considered and rejected but since Col. White asked for any new ideas you might desire to refer the following to him.

a. The problem is that if we make unclassified Agency reports available to colleges, universities and libraries, how can we at the same time deny them to Congress.

b. All reports to Congress will in the future be made available through our own subcommittees.

2. Why not explain to our subcommittees what the problem is and propose that we automatically make available to an appropriate member of the staff of each committee a copy or copies of all unclassified disseminations. They could make a record of the title of the dissemination and keep it for as long as they want or return it at a specified time. If any other committee or Congressman wants a copy of the report he can, of course, obtain it from or through our subcommittees.

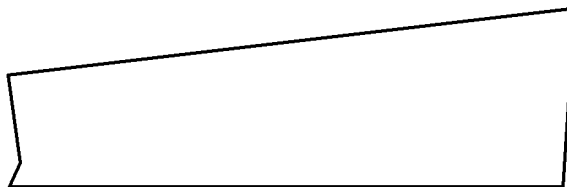
3. By adopting the above procedure we are automatically making unclassified reports available to Congress and at the same time channeling their distribution through our own subcommittees. There might be instances in which the subcommittees on their own initiative request extra copies for certain Congressmen or Congressional committees. These, of course, would be immediately forwarded. It seems to me that the above would handle the question of our making available to private or public institutions or individuals material not made available to Congress, since, in fact, we have made it available to Congress. We meet the question of publishing unclassified material by submitting all unclassified material to our own subcommittees who are perfectly free to question at any time the advisability of any such publications.

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4. Although I don't think it is necessary, we could go a step further and advise the committees that we are disseminating unclassified reports to them a week or any other set time in advance of public dissemination. If we wanted to avoid all possible criticism we would give our subcommittees a list of our proposed distribution.

5. The above may sound a little bit extreme; on the other hand, it is my understanding that we are seeking some solution to the stopping of publishing of unclassified material which we believe to be desirable if it is possible to accomplish.



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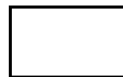
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MEMORANDUM FOR: ~~XX~~ SHH

In view of Col. White's having called back Col. White's 18 March memo, and replacing it with the 23 March memo, we did NOT pass this to JSE, awaiting your advice.

C<sub>o</sub> 1. White's "current" memo is attached.

*Kill my idea.*



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